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Applicant(s) : James Hunter Boone et al.
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Title : METHOD FOR DIFFERENTIATING IRRITABLE BOWEL
SYNDROME FROM INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE
(IBD) AND FOR MONITORING PERSONS WITH IBD USING
TOTAL ENDOGENOUS LACTFERRIN AS A MARKER
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SUMMARY OF TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW

Applicants submit this Summary setting forth a statement of the substance
of a telephonic interview that occurred on April 26, 2006.

**Brief Description of the Nature of any Exhibit Shown or any Demonstration
Conducted:**

None.

Identification of the Claims Discussed:

Claims 1, 3 and 6.

Identification of Specific References Discussed:

Sugi, et al., *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*, Vol. 91, No. 5, pp. 927-934, 1996.

U.S. Patent No. 5,552,992 to Uchida et al.

Boy Hoeyer, *Dansk Kemi*, 1994, 75(5), pages 26-28, Abstract Only.

Identification of the Principle Proposed Amendments of a Substantive Nature Discussed:

Proposed amendments amend claims to include determining whether treatment of inflammatory bowel disease has been effective in decreasing or eliminating gastrointestinal inflammation.

The General Thrust of the Principal Arguments of Applicant and the Examiner:

That the proposed claim limitations patentably distinguish over the aforementioned references and other prior art of record.

General Indication Of Any Other Pertinent Matters Discussed:

Applicants offered to submit the claim in a formal response, attached herewith.

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